



Focus

Hazardous Waste Reduction Act

Law Establishes State Policies and Goals

In 1990, the Legislature passed the Hazardous Waste Reduction Act. Chapter 70.95C RCW establishes state policies and goals that encourage the reduction of hazardous substance use and the generation of hazardous waste. The law achieves its goals by requiring certain hazardous waste generators and hazardous substance users to prepare plans for voluntarily reducing hazardous substance use and hazardous waste generation. In addition, the act allows Ecology to collect two fees. One is charged to hazardous waste generators and the other is assessed only to facilities required to prepare plans.

Who Must Prepare a Pollution Prevention Plan?

Facilities that report under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning / Community Right-to-Know Act, or that generate more than 2,640 pounds of hazardous waste per year, must prepare comprehensive hazardous substance use/hazardous waste reduction plans. These plans need to address specific questions about current hazardous substance use, waste reduction, recycling, treatment activities, analysis of further reduction opportunities, and five year performance goals. Chapter 173-307 WAC, Hazardous Waste Facility Plans, details all of the planning requirements.

Hazardous Waste Fees

Chapter 173-305 WAC, Hazardous Waste Fees, presents the structure for the education and planning fees, specifies who pays them, and provides for the related administrative processes. All hazardous waste generators pay the annual Hazardous Waste Education Fee. Facilities submitting plans pay an additional planning fee that may vary from year to year.

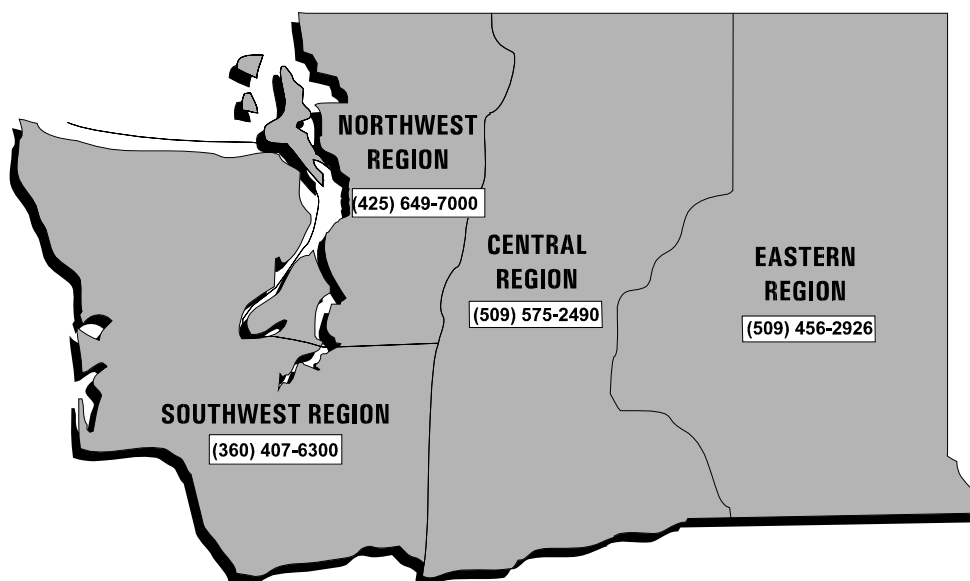
Fees Provide Technical Assistance Services

Ecology staff can provide all businesses with advice and consultation on waste reduction and hazardous substance use reduction techniques. Technical assistance specialists can help prepare or modify pollution prevention plans, executive summaries, and annual progress reports. They also provide technical assistance to carry out the plans.

For more information:

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The Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program is responsible for managing and reducing hazardous waste and toxic substances in Washington. If you have a question, please contact a Toxics Reduction Specialist or Hazardous Waste Specialist at your nearest regional office.



If you have special accommodation needs or require this document in alternative format, please contact the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program at (360) 407-6700 (voice) or (360) 407-6066 (TDD).

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